

# **Fiscal Services Division**

## **Legislative Services Agency**

### **Fiscal Note**

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HF 739 - Learning Technology (LSB 1874 HV)

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Fiscal Note Version – As Amended and Passed by the Senate

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#### **Description**

House File 739, as amended and passed by the Senate, expands upon the Iowa Learning Technology Initiative established in Section 280A.1, Code of Iowa. It includes the following provisions:

- The Board of Regents must establish a research triangle and clearinghouse to provide information on the results of elementary and secondary education technology initiatives throughout the State.
- The Iowa Learning Technology Initiative must include public and private partners.
- The Iowa Learning Technology Commission is established and required to develop and administer a pilot program, with administrative support provided by the Department of Education.
- The Commission is authorized to award grants to school districts on a competitive basis. The grants must be matched locally with public, private, federal, State, or local dollars. The Bill does not provide an appropriation.

The Senate amendment to the Bill (H-1399) allows more than one pilot program and allows the Commission to determine whether to include the use of one-to-one student learning technology in the pilot programs. The amendment further provides that the pilot programs may, but are not required to, include the use of technology to develop individual education plans for students.

The Senate amendment also makes changes to the membership of the Commission and its duties. A requirement that the Commission recommend to the General Assembly appropriations for statewide kindergarten through grade twelve education technology is eliminated. The amendment provides for the repeal of Chapter 280A, Code of Iowa, effective July 1, 2011, and makes the portions of the Bill regarding implementation of the Commission and pilot programs contingent upon a FY 2006 appropriation.

#### **Assumptions**

1. One faculty member from each of the State universities will participate in the research triangle and clearinghouse on a half-time basis. The full-time salary in FY 2006 is assumed to be \$80,000. An increase of 4.0% is assumed for FY 2007.
2. The research triangle and clearinghouse will be staffed by one project manager, at a FY 2006 salary of \$80,000, and one secretary, at a FY 2006 salary of \$28,000. An increase of 4.0% is assumed for FY 2007.
3. The research triangle and clearinghouse will require website and database development at a cost of \$60,000 annually; the purchase of hardware and software at a cost of \$25,000 in FY 2006; and supplies at an annual cost of \$2,000.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The estimated fiscal impact of HF 739, as amended by the Senate, to the State General Fund is \$315,000 in FY 2006 and \$299,000 in FY 2007 for expenditures related to the research triangle and clearinghouse.

## **Sources**

Board of Regents

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